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KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

The Asheville Citizen prints a story in which the following surprising reason is given for certain reported opposition to the re-election of Senator F. M. Simmons:

"What is the cause of opposition to Mr. Simmons?" a disinterested observer was asked. "Whiskey laws mostly," he said. "A lot of people think that the party under the direction of the senator, who is also state chairman, has gone far enough in passing legislation against liquor, and his calling the state executive committee together during the last legislature and forcing through a recommendation of the pending Ward bill, which further restricted the sale of liquor, was resented by many members of the legislature."

The author of the Citizen story may not have intended to mis-state facts, but he has succeeded admirably in doing so. Neither Senator Simmons, or any other advocate of the Ward bill sought to secure a meeting of the state executive committee. That responsibility devolves entirely upon the opposition to the whiskey legislation then pending before the General Assembly. Mr. Simmons was in Washington attending to his duties as senator and had no intention whatever of calling the committee together, until he received a request to do so by certain members of the same who were, at the time, engaged in an effort to defeat the Ward bill. It is just as well to keep the record straight. Nineteen signatures were affixed to the request for the meeting (mostly by proxy) and their object was to prevent, if possible, the pending temperance measure. The call stated explicitly the reasons therefor and contained the names of those desiring the meeting. Being a member of the committee, the writer received the notice referred to and has it on file.

There is not the slightest foundation for the suggestion that Senator Simmons called the state executive committee together during the last legislature and forced through a recommendation of any class of legislation. It is a fabrication out of the whole cloth. The very crowd who, it is intimated, threaten to oppose his re-election, are alone, responsible for the attempt to influence legislation touching the whiskey interests. It is true that many members of the legislature resented the call and the meeting itself, but not in the sense outlined by the Citizen's story-writer. They were not indignant at the action of Mr. Simmons, but put a very emphatic veto upon the attempt of those who asked for the meeting, in the hope of bringing about legislation in accordance with their way of thinking. Previous to the meeting, Senator Simmons had not been in Raleigh for several weeks and had not attempted to dictate to the legislature.

Concluding the story the Citizen man says: "No one here was willing to be quoted as opposing Senator Simmons." This sounds better. There is no valid excuse for anyone to oppose him. He has been faithful and painstaking in the discharge of his duties as senator and his record as a democrat is too well known to call for defense from any North Carolinian. He is a terror to republicans and they would welcome his defeat more than anything that could happen in the political circles of this state. But they shall not experience that pleasure. The democratic party appreciates his services sufficiently to insure his return to the senate and only the fellow who puts "the little brown jug" above his democracy will have the hardihood to oppose a second term for the best democrat and one of the first statesmen of the North Carolina of today.

As soon as they can find time for a pause in the mosquito killing, the men in Panama may begin to dig a little on the canal.

DINNER WITH "BOOKER T."

Booker T. Washington is again receiving the attention of the southern press. He has not been dining with President Roosevelt this time, but accepted the courtesies of John Wannamaker, another big republican, and Postmaster General under William H. Harrison during first term as president. The late incident occurred at the United States Hotel, Saratoga, N. Y. The story goes that Booker escorted a married daughter of Mr. Wannamaker down the long aisle leading to the table and that the affair created a "small sensation." Washington says he dined with the Wannamaker family, but undertakes to deny the balance of the story. That, of itself, is nauseating enough to a southern white man. It is hard to tell which is deserving of the most pity, Booker, Wannamaker, or the latter's daughter. One is about as respectable as the other; all have lowered themselves in the estimation of every self-respecting white citizen of America. Booker intimates, in his attempted explanation, that he has enjoyed Wannamaker's hospitality several times previous to the Saratoga dinner last week and suggests that he ought to have better sense than yield to temptations of similar import at the north. Such incidents, as the one recited, cannot possibly help him, or his race. It shows weakness and a desire for social equality.

Washington is the recognized leader of his race and pretends to be trying to improve the condition of the colored people. He has said and done some good things for them and many white people had come to the point where they were willing to encourage him in said work, but since seeing his weakness for social equality, they will drop him like a hot brick. A southern white man cannot give encouragement to that sort of thing and such fool-hardiness on Washington's part will tend only to widen the breach between the white and colored races in this section, along other than social lines. The white people of the south have shown a disposition to help the negro in matters of education and industrial progress, but they revolt at the idea of recognizing him as their equal in a social way. And all the Theodore Roosevelts, Ogdens, Wannamakers and "what nots" cannot change them on iota. It is worse than folly to try. Every time Booker tumbles to the whims of his white equals(?) in the northern cities he damages the cause of the colored people throughout the entire south, where nine-tenths of them now live and are likely to remain. If men like John Wannamaker have no more consideration than to lower themselves to the level of the negro, Booker Washington, and other members of his race would do best to respectfully decline their courtesies, if they expect the respect of southern white people.

To talk about doing a thing is a good deal easier than the real "doing of it."

The fellow who thinks the town could not exist without his assistance should go off and "chase himself." "I am IT" doesn't go these days.

When you run out of something to talk about at the sociable, put in a good word for your neighbor and his family. "Kind words never die."

Some candidates for official honors seem to be proceeding upon the idea that "the early bird catches the worm." It is about as bad sometimes to be too early as too late.

As did Senator Martin sweep the field in the Virginia primary last week, even so will Senator Simmons lay all opposition "in the shade" throughout The Old North State, in the year of our Lord 1906.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE HERE.

About 100 Representatives of Our Agricultural Interests Present.

An institute for the benefit of the farmers of Henderson county was held in the court house on Wednesday of last week. The attendance was fairly good and the meeting will be productive of good results. Dr. Tait Butler, state veterinarian, presided.

Prof. Hume was the first speaker. His subject was on the improvement of the soil. Every farmer in the county ought to have heard him. There was about 100 in his audience who listened attentively to what he said. He dwelt considerably upon humus in the soil, how important it was to keep it there all the time and the best way of supplying it.

He demonstrated this fact, that red, stiff soils needed humus to make it porous, so the roots of the plant could find nourishment in the soil, and that light, sandy soils needed humus to absorb and hold moisture for the growing plant.

Prof. Hume also explained how soils and plants could be inoculated with bacteria, so as to draw, from the air, nitrogen, instead of buying it in fertilizers. This talk of Prof. Hume will result in much good wherever he goes especially to that class of farmers who want to learn more about their calling.

Dr. Tait Butler then gave a talk on the corn crop, which certainly and ought to bring good results wherever he goes.

He demonstrated, beyond the question of a doubt, that the farmers are losing from 40 to 50 per cent. of this wonderful and great crop by not utilizing, in the best way, the stalks, sheaves and blades. He cited experiment after experiment that had been made by the different experiment stations in the country by analysis and feeding, and explained in detail, the best and most economical way to gather and prepare this stover that has heretofore gone largely to waste.

In the afternoon, Prof. Hume spoke on fruit culture. His talk at our last fair on the same subject covered about the same ground, but was received again with much interest. He described fully, in every particular, how to get the best from an apple tree, and those who have apple trees and did not hear him have lost much valuable information.

The department could not spend any money more advantageously to the farmer than by publishing these gentlemen's addresses and scattering them profusely over the state. They are doing a good work. And Henderson county ought to hold an institute at the fair grounds for at least three days next summer, where all the family of each farmer could come and bring dinner and be out of the bustle and hustle of town and have nothing to do but teach and be taught.

A Letter From R. J. Willingham.

Richmond Va.
DEAR SISTERS:—I have been requested by the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union to send a word of greeting to you. It is with pleasure I write this letter.

I have watched with interest the gradual enlarging of the work of our sisters. Your contributions the past year for world wide evangelization were larger than ever in the past, and I noticed that at the annual meeting of the W. M. U., while we asked that the Sisters try to raise \$60,000 this year, they agreed to raise \$63,500.

How easily this money can be raised, if each one will decide to give, and then influence some one else to give for the work of our Lord.

One cent a week set apart by each sister in our convention for this great work, would amount to over \$500,000 for the year. One cent a month would amount to about \$120,000 for the year. At our annual convention in Kansas City in May one sister sent her check for \$5,000, and this made a glorious beginning. The noble example which she has set of consecration to her Lord ought to be an inspiration to others.

Last year we sent out fifty new missionaries. Of these twenty-six were women. While a number of our concentrated sisters are going to the foreign field, those who stay at home ought to give liberally for the service of the Master.

We have never had so many converts in one year as we reported for the past year, 2,231. I want each sister to pray to God that this year may have thousands of converts.

Let us look to our God for His blessings on our workers at the front.

Thanking you for the great help which you have given, and praying God's rich blessings to rest upon you, I am,
Yours fraternally,
R. J. WILLINGHAM.

Ought to Know Better.

A North Carolina republican paper—we have too much consideration for it to mention its name—is quite gleeful over the Wannamaker-Washington dining for reasons it alleges that Wannamaker is a democrat and was postmaster general in Cleveland's cabinet. He is, in truth a republican and was postmaster general in Harrison's cabinet. A rural carrier should know better than this, the rural free delivery system being an arm of the postal service.—Charlotte Observer.

Naples Notes.

Naples, Aug. 29.—The public school at Rugby Academy began last Monday with Prof. Homer Russell, of Fletcher, as principal. About 60 pupils are enrolled and Miss Ledbetter, of Clear Creek, has been appointed as assistant. We predict a prosperous term.

Mrs. P. P. Johnson has been very successful in her boarding house project. A large number of southerners have spent the heated months. Among her guests were Mrs. Bond, of Savannah, Mrs. Goodrich and children, of Jacksonville, Mrs. Becker, of Charleston and Mrs. Hengesvall, of Jacksonville.

G. Lee Dalton, of Asheville, spent several days here this week with relatives and friends.

Dr. J. P. Mainus, of St. George, S. C., superintendent of education for Dorchester county, left here on Friday after a pleasant stay at Mrs. Johnston's. He was very much pleased with this part of the country and promised to return to us next summer.

Misses Ota and Olga Willis, Neggie and Angie Corn, Mr. Oren Willis were in our section on Sunday.

J. Louis Smith, of St. George, S. C., spent the week-end with his parents here. He is connected with The Dorchester Eagle at that place and seems to be well pleased with the low-lands of South Carolina. His visit here was very short, owing to the press of business in his southern home.

Mrs. Parisada Orr, of Hendersonville, is spending some weeks here with her parents, Gen. and Mrs. G. B. Turner.

Joe Bowman, of the United States army, stationed at Fort Moultrie, S. C., is expected here some time next month on a visit to his parents. READER.

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